THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal under consideration to set up a new coaching complex in the Southern Railway, at present.

(b) A coaching complex is already existing and functioning at Nagarcoil.

[Transiation]

International Airport at Ayodhya

2943. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up an international airport at Ayodhya;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Construction of a new airport is taken up keeping in view traffic potential and economic viability. Since Ayodhya is located very near to Lucknow, such an airport, if developed, would not be economically viable.

Telephone Connections in Madhya Pradesh

2944. DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applicants for telephone connections on the waiting list as on January 31, 1997 in Madhya Pradesh, District-wise;

(b) the time by which waiting list is likely to be cleared, district-wise;

(c) the number of applicants on waiting list for Ujjain city, Tarana, Mahidpur, Khachrod, Badnagar, Nagda and ~~Alot (Ratlam~~ Distt.);

(d) the time by which the waiting lists of above cities are likely to be cleared;

(e) whether the Government propose to set up new telephone exchanges in these cities;

(f) if so, the details alongwith their capacities; and

(g) the measures taken to streamline the rural telecommunication services?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The required information is given in the enclosed Statement.

(b) The waiting list is likely to be eleared progressively by March 1998 in all the districts of Madhya Pradesh except Vidisha district which is likely to be cleared by March 1999.

(c) The information is given below :

Sl.No.	Station	Waiting List
1.	Ujjain	1340
2.	Tarana	0
3.	Mahidpur	5
4.	Khachrod	32
5.	Badnagar	224
6.	Nagda	172
7.	Alot (Ratlam Distt.)	9

(d) The waiting list is likely to be cleared progressively by March 1998.

(e) and (f) There is no proposal to set up new telephone exchanges in these cities. However, there is proposal to expand the capacity of the existing exchanges at Ujjain and Tarana during 1996-97.

(g) The following measures are being taken to streamline the rural telecommunication services:

1. Replecement of old and worn out electro-mechanical exchanges by telectronic exchanges.

2. Reduction of overhead alignments by underground cables.

Statement

District-wise Waiting List of M.P. Telecom Circle as on 31.01.1997

Sl.No.	District	Waiting List
1	2	3
1.	Balaghat	214
2.	Betul	1260
3.	Bhind	775
4.	Bhopa	9149
5.	Bilaspur	5059
6.	Chhatarpur	553
7.	Chhindwara	694